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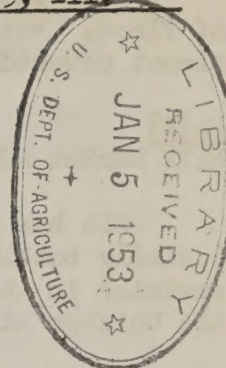
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May 22, 1952

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 22	PMA 6-state meeting	Chicago
May 26	Michigan Home Demonstration Agents	Higgins Lake
May 30	Memorial Day Holiday	
May 31	Final date 1951 crop Corn Loans	
June 2-12	District meetings Indiana county PMA committees	
June 3	Turkey Forum - Turkey Growers Federation	Palmer House-Chicago
June 4	Seasonal fruit & vegetable market news office opens	Benton Harbor, Michigan
June 5-6	Michigan PMA Conference	Saginaw, Michigan

AUDIT - Ray Pauley, in charge

Annual audit of the Missouri State PMA office, and related county offices nearing completion. Auditor Frank Pauchnik has completed several audits in the Minneapolis area under the flax and linseed oil programs.

R. E. Harwick, Dallas Office of Audit, reports here next week on detail to assist in the internal audit of the Chicago Commodity office.

Poultry and Egg National Board's research contracts with USDA are being audited by L. O. Lehman. Charles Hawks, former PMA Poultry Branch representative in Chicago, directs PENB's research program.

Auditors now in the field in connection with School Lunch and Direct Distribution Audits: Fred H. Neville-Ohio; Thomas J. Vopatek-South Dakota; John N. Hernandez and James E. Ryan-Michigan; M.F. Skilnik-Iowa.

Washington visitor: P. F. Robinson, Washington Office of Budget and Finance, USDA.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John W. Claggett, in charge

Special Agent Edward Nealon and Mr. Claggett returned this week from a conference with the U. S. district attorney at Detroit, Michigan.

COMMODITY OFFICE - George Bradley, director

Most of flood-damaged corn owned by CCC in Missouri River states has been sold, some by Commodity office in Chicago, most by state and county committees. About 95 percent of damaged corn was in Iowa. Of approximately 2,400,000 bushels stored in flooded area, about 1 million was classed as wet corn and sold at reduced prices, 47¢ to \$1.25. Remainder sold at or near market price as No. 1, 2, 3 corn. At several bin sites, corn was removed before flood hit. In some sectors, removal was stopped by local officials who ordered that all available trucks be used only for moving people and personal effects from flood area. County committees in flood area arranged for drying much of the corn before selling with increase in price of approximately 50¢ over price of wet corn.

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COMMODITY OFFICE (Cont'd)

Flood waters were highest in 70 years, topping dikes thrown up in advance of flood. Water in several bin sites ranged 3 to 5 feet deep; in one, water almost covered bins.

DAIRY

Milk Market Administrator - A. W. Colebank

USDA has recommended an increase in milk price differentials for Class I (chiefly bottled milk products) and Class II (chiefly cream products) and a revision in the adjustment for trends affecting supply and demand for milk in the Chicago milk marketing order.

Inspection and Grading - Ed Small, Supervisor

Supervisor Small spent May 20-21 in Louisville, Ky.

Laboratory - Dr. T. I. Hedrick - in charge.

Since moisture specifications for nonfat milk powder were reduced April 1 from 4 to 3-1/2 percent for powder sold to USDA, many lots have failed to meet requirements. An improvement has been noted in the past weeks as processors bring their drying operations into line.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - O. F. Beyer, field supervisor

Hal Bolin, food preservation specialist, will give a demonstration of the correct way to freeze foods on WGN-TV, Channel 9, at 9 a.m. Monday, May 26. Bolin is conducting food preservation workshops in Ohio this week.

Official travel - Home Economist Janet Hampton in Ohio, May 12-23, reviewing private school lunch programs.

Arthur W. Siemers, field reviewer, started a month's leave this week - on doctor's orders.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Fresh Products Division - Neal Sanborn, field supervisor

Earl Biddick returned Monday from a three week trip to strawberry production areas in Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky. Conducted instruction classes for federal-state licensed inspectors and training classes for applicants seeking licenses. The Chicago office currently supervises about 100 licensed federal-state inspectors in the three state area. Seven of the inspectors were transferred to the South from Michigan. Inspectors will move into northern Kentucky, southern Illinois and southern Indiana as the strawberry season opens in these states. The Michigan crop will start moving marketward about June 10.

Processed Products Division - Max Austin, supervisor

Thirty-eight inspectors still assigned to plants processing strawberries in Arkansas, Tennessee and southern Kentucky. The crop in the three state area was short due to dry weather, but rains last week helped to prolong the deal.

Max Austin to Washington May 19-22 on official business.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLES (cont'd)
Regulatory Division - W. A. Hilgeson, supervisor

Large volume of misbranded potato shipments based on excessive percentage of grade defects and excessive percentage of undersize potatoes. Shippers are advised not to sell or offer such potatoes for sale until misbranding is corrected.

Official travel: Ed Gibson to Mississippi commercial cabbage and vegetable shipping area. Jeff Branch, from St. Louis to Chicago, on check of PACA license prospects.

GRAIN - Hazen English, field supervisor

Grain inspection work is at seasonal low point. Increase is anticipated in near future when CCC begins to take over grain as price support loans mature.

In Chicago area, approximately half of inspections recently have been as result of appeals made by buyers and traders to Secretary of Agriculture, requesting official review of grades previously established by state grain inspectors. Appeals so far this fiscal year total 11,500 compared with approximately 9,000 last year.

INFORMATION - John C. Baker, Chief

Paul Ostendorf spent first three days this week in St. Louis, conferring with PMA staff members and with radio, newspaper, and television people concerning use of PMA market news, farm, and consumer information material.

LIVESTOCK - L. M. Wyatt, Leader

William Tiedt, Insecticide Division, is on a two-week trip through Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan gathering samples of insecticides offered for sale by retailers.

Grading Supervisor E. J. Webster working on vacation schedules for 40 meat graders in Chicago area. Problem: to meet currently heavy work load, because of large volume of cattle coming to market, and still permit graders to take leave at preferred times.

L. M. Wyatt, in charge of livestock market news office, reports hog prices at Midwest markets have had longest sustained increase in many years, climbing \$4-5 per cwt. during past three weeks to a peak of about \$23 at a few markets. Increase stopped Tuesday, May 20. Beef cattle prices, on other hand, have trended downward, best grades selling \$2-3 lower since March.

Jim Lounsberry detailed to Peoria, covering hog market while L. M. Woodruff is convalescing from operation.

B. F. Platt, assistant supervisor of Packers and Stockyards Division, leaves next week to become supervisor of P&S work in Los Angeles.

One wool concern in Kansas City was listed on May 15 as an approved handler for dealing with 1952 price supports on shorn wool.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, chief

Following is list of PMA employees in Midwest who earned Length of Service Awards during past twelve months.

40 Year Award

Cannon, Calhoun I.

Grain Branch

Chicago, Ill.

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PERSONNEL (cont'd)

30 Year Award

Bell, Leonard M.	Grain Branch	Duluth, Minn.
Bick, Edward H.	Grain Branch	St. Louis, Mo.
Davis, John F.	Grain Branch	Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Good, George L.	Grain Branch	Minneapolis, Minn.
Jensen, Roy C.	Ls - M.N.	So. St. Paul, Minn.
Latham, Horace B.	Ls - M.N.	Chicago, Ill.
Muse, Oscar H.	Ls - P&S	Omaha, Nebr.
Sullivan, Esther L.	Grain Branch	Omaha, Nebr.
Swanson, Gudrun V.	Grain Branch	Minneapolis, Minn.

20 Year Award

Dykstra, Ann	Grain Branch	Chicago, Illinois
Spicer, Lydia	F&V - Reg.	Chicago, Illinois
Urban, Karl L.	Ls - M.N.	Des Moines, Iowa

10 Year Award

PMA Commodity Office

Bohlman, Albert M.	Fry, Helen E.
Davis, Earl H.	Kraft, M. Kathleen
Gaynor, William J.	Machala, George
Higgs, Arthur E.	Mattison, Chas. J.
Paskins, Lester O.	Obata, Shinko
Runner, Verl E.	Gunderson, Lois C.
Falat, Joseph A.	Neiman, Mathilde M.
Howard, Chas. E.	Pawelski, Felicia C.
Lisowski, Francis J.	Pickens, Helen J.
Dvorak, Milada E.	

PMA - Chicago and Field Offices

Dolson, Lawrence J.	Poultry	Chicago, Ill.
Harty, Grace M.	Dairy	Chicago, Ill.
Rosen, Jean	Dairy	Chicago, Ill.
Farnum, Virginia P.	Dairy	Hudson, Michigan
Freeman, F. Fontaine	Compliance	Chicago, Ill.
Burt, G. Webb	Off. of Audit	Chicago, Ill.
Ryan, Marie	Personnel	Chicago, Ill.
Barnett, Lola	Information	Chicago, Ill.
Halverson, Edna H.	Dairy	Chicago, Ill.
Clendenen, John F.	Ls-P&S	Kansas City, Mo.
Haas, Anton J.	Ls-S&G	Omaha, Nebr.
Norve, Clarence N.	Ls-S&G	So. St. Paul, Minn.
Peterson, Edward T.	Ls-P&S	Kansas City, Mo.
Prochaska, Edward C.	Ls-S&G	Milwaukee, Wis.
Sercer, Chas. C.	Ls-P&S	Kansas City, Mo.
Dahlman, Einar H.	Ls-S&G	Bay City, Michigan
Fite, Orville L.	Ls-S&G	Des Moines, Iowa
Hagelskamp, Harvey R.	Ls-S&G	Indianapolis, Ind.
Oswald, Wilfred W.	Dairy-MN	St. Louis, Mo.
Burk, Earl F.	F&V-Proc.	Hammond, La.
Gibson, Edward W.	F&V-Reg.	Chicago, Ill.
Rockenbach, Roy H.	Ls-MN	Omaha, Nebr.
Hall, Cecil L.	Poultry	Madison, So. Dak.

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PERSONNEL (con't)

10 Year Awards (cont'd)

Parker, James, H.	Poultry	Chicago, Illinois
Johnson, Robert M.	Grain	Peoria, Ill.
Fehrenbacher, Philip T.	Poultry	Chicago, Ill.
Garrett, Ashton C.	Poultry	Fayetteville, Ark.
Miller, Walter E.	Poultry	Louisville, Ky.
Prater, Arizona	Poultry	Omaha, Nebr.
Schalk, Louis W.	Poultry	Waverly, Iowa
Sprague, Arthur W.	Poultry	Omaha, Nebr.
Jensen, Fred B.	Cave	Atchison, Kansas
Glover, Katherine L.	F&V-Proc.	Chicago, Ill.
Rice, James A.	F&V-Proc.	Chicago, Ill.
Blank, Lee A.	Poultry	Chicago, Ill.
Riell, William J.	Grain	Chicago, Ill.
Cleary, Cecelia	LS-MN	Peoria, Ill.
Hohmann, Margaret M.	F&V-Proc.	Columbus, Ohio
Prai, Lewis A.	LS-MN	Indianapolis, Ind.
Johnson, Evelyn E.	LS-P&S	So. St. Paul, Minn.
Fling, W. Gilbert	Adm. Svs.	Kansas City, Mo.
Burke, Helen R.	F&V-MN	Cincinnati, Ohio
May, Lulu P.	F&V-Fr.	New Orleans, La.

10 Year Award - State Offices

Johnson, Dorothy M.)	Anderson, Robert W.)
Ryan, Cecilia A.) - Illinois	Best, Geneva M.) - Indiana
Brownell, George J.)	Fulmer, Robert H.)
Benner, Paul M.) - Iowa	Craig, Luther L.) - Missouri
Richardson, Sarah E.)	Lock, Russel A.)
Glohr, Freda E.)	Haas, Robert H.)
Hubbard, Warren J.) - Michigan	Hageman, William N.) - Minnesota
Sander, Catherine R.)	Johnson, Clifford L.)
Ashton, Edgar E. (Nebraska)	Schmit, Albert M. (No. Dakota)

Bates, J. Glenn (Ohio)

POULTRY

Grading - L. J. Dolson, supervisor

Egg grading is at seasonal high point and with Chicago as one of principal egg markets, additional inspectors have been assigned from other areas to handle heavy work load.

L. J. Dolson attended a meeting of regional supervisors of poultry grading in Washington last week.

Inspection - Dr. W. S. Buchanan, supervisor

Dr. Buchanan in Arkansas this week, to consider approval of a new poultry dressing plant at Siloam Springs, and to make supervisory visits to plants in Berryville, Rogers, and other points in that area, one of the principal poultry producing sections of the nation.

With broiler production at record high level, five additional inspectors have been employed and one other has been transferred to 13-state Central area.

WITH STATE PMA COMMITTEES

Missouri - E.R. Caldwell, Chairman

County committees instructed on handling deliveries of 1951 wheat to which CCC will take title.

Nebraska - Frank Reed, Chairman

Counties sent corrected list of approved grain warehouses in Nebraska, in which CCC grain may be stored. 23 warehouses deleted from list approved last September.

First reinspection of corn owned by CCC virtually completed and counties asked to start second reinspection of all lots where structure was questionable or moisture content was too high on first inspection.

North Dakota - J. E. Kasper, Chairman

Crop insurance supervisors will visit all counties where insurance is available, asking suggestions on revisions of rates on 1953 wheat crop.

Counties supplied with instructions on handling price support on loans on wool.

Ohio - Dale Williams, Chairman

Ohio farmers, unlike those in most other states, are putting more 1951 corn under loan than they did from 1950 crop. Through March, 1,814,425 bushels under loan, compared with 849,579 bushels year earlier.

Sugar beet producing counties supplied with Spanish translations of wage rate regulations, for information of Spanish speaking workers imported into Ohio beet fields.

Wisconsin - Walter Katterhenry, Chairman

State committee provided list showing number of farms in each county indicated by ACP records and also number indicated by 1950 Census. Most county ACP lists show several hundred more farms than indicated by Census. State total, 195,723 on ACP list; 168,560 on census. Counties asked to make adjustments by removing tracts of land not operated as farms, commercially-owned timber, resort areas, etc.

IN MIDWEST FARM PAPERS

Wallace's Farmer (Iowa)

Survey of farm wives shows less than half use lard for shortening.

Editorial advocates (1) keep price supports for farm products (2) change price supports according to consumer demand (3) use production payments to support prices of perishables, make loans on storable crops.

Ohio Farmer

Prominent article reports on experience of past three years in marketing hogs by grade rather than weight. Commission men and packers cooperated, producers made more money.

Editorial quotes USDA report that farmers expect to buy 9 percent more chemicals to control insects, plant diseases, and weeds this year.

The Farmer (Minnesota)

Front page article on new methods of producing grass silage.

Editorial deals with dairy farmers' attitudes toward check-off of cent or two per hundred pounds of milk to support advertising program. "---very short sighted for a producer to take the position that he has no stake in the ultimate market. It is his living."

IN MIDWEST FARM PAPERS (con'td)

Dakota Farmer

Article shows growing need for fertilizer in the state.

Editorial advocates allowing USDA money enough to bring all Farmers' Bulletins up to date. Another editorial advocates giving Corps of Engineers rather than Interior Department, main responsibility for flood control.

Indiana Farmers Guide

Editorial: "The Guide would warn farmers against proposals now before Congress to set farm price supports at 100 percent of parity, for that is precisely the way into a web of government controlled prices and production."

Michigan Farmer

"Now may be a good time to buy corn."

Nebraska Farmer

Front page article entieled "Corn Time." Reminds farmers of state corn goal, last year's acreage and production. "Since all the oats weren't planted, the extra acres, perhaps, will be put to corn."

Editorial predicts changes in methods of calculating parity, urges farmers to study different methods to be consodered.

James Turner
The House of Commons has received a petition from the
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 30 Memorial Day
May 31 Final date 1951 crop corn loans or purchase agreements

June 2 Market News Office opens Benton Harbor, Mich.
June 2-12 District meetings
Indiana County PMA Committees
June 2-4 National Agricultural Limestone Sheraton Hotel
Institute Chicago
June 3 Turkey Forum - Turkey Growers Palmer House
Federation Chicago
June 5-6 Michigan PMA Conference Saginaw, Mich.
June 9-10 Michigan Cannery Association Traverse City, Mich.
June 10-12 Produce Packaging Association Columbus, Ohio
June 12-13 Commodity Office Directors Conf. Chicago
June 13-15 Minnesota Poultry, Butter, Egg Association Outing Breezy Point, Minn.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

General Services Administration is entering into a new lease for the five floors of the Brunswick building, currently occupied by PMA and FCIC. Current lease for the space expires this year.

AUDIT - Ray Pauley, in charge

Annual audit of the transportation activities of the Chicago PMA Commodity Office will get under way next week. Traffic specialists on the staff of the Chief Auditor, Washington, will assist.

Plans are underway for audits which may be required under the 1952 wool price support loan program. Other audits are being planned covering the second year of operations under the grain storage guarantee program.

A considerable expansion of audits of County PMA offices is expected in connection with the decentralization of loan activities to these offices. New state office auditors assigned to this work will be trained.

Office is still accepting applications of additional auditors at GS-7 and GS-9 grades.

CHICAGO COMMODITY OFFICE - George Bradley, Director

In the 6 state area served by the Chicago Commodity Office, CCC owns 81,574 grain storage bins with a capacity of 320,603,030 bushels; over half of all government-owned grain storage capacity. The bins, steel, aluminum or wood, range in capacity from 1,200 to 45,000 bushels; most hold about 3,300 bushels.

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CHICAGO COMMODITY OFFICE (Cont'd)

Midwest bin locations and capacity by states in the Chicago CO area are:

	Ohio	Indiana	Illinois	Michigan
No. of Bins	4,636	7,236	29,841	2
Bu. Capacity	15,345,510	26,635,695	106,255,826	9,960
	Iowa	Kentucky	TOTAL	
No. of Bins	39,129	730	81,574	
Bu. Capacity	169,935,059	2,420,980	320,603,030	

Additional bins are now being moved from Minnesota into Michigan.

The Chicago Commodity Office has requested the Area Personnel office to hire eleven GS-9 warehouse examiners. Of these, 9 will be assigned to investigation of applicants for grain storage contracts and inspection of grain warehouses. Two will be detailed to investigation and inspection of wool handlers, warehousemen and storage under the 1952 wool price support program.

The CO already has four inspectors in service to handle similar assignments in processed commodities and dry beans.

Chicago office domestic sales, period May 16 to 22; corn, 1,732,177 bu; dry edible beans, 23,854 cwt.; red clover seed, 297 lbs. During same period office bought 408,190 lbs non-fat dry milk solids.

DAIRY

Laboratory - Dr. T. I. Hedrick, in charge

Lab personnel has developed technique for determining proportion of scorched particles in dried milk powders. Technique is to measure amount and nature of scorched material collected by filtering a definite amount of sample. The measurement is obtained by means of reflection of light from the scorched material. Samples with more scorched particles reflect less light. Scorched particle count is important factor in grading milk powder.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Field Supervisor

About 2,400,000 children in 11 midwest states served by the Chicago Field Office are participating in the National School Lunch program. In addition to the Government grants to states, five midwest states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio) are spending over a million dollars every month on the lunch programs. In the present school year, schools in the 11 midwest states contributed over \$95 million for the lunches, of which \$60 million bought additional foods.

Stewing hens are coming to market in a volume double that of a year ago and the Food Trades Section is considering a special program to assist in merchandising these fowl. Farmers are marketing the hens in greater numbers because eggs are so low-priced.

Official travel: Supervisor O. F. Beyer to Hamilton, Ill., May 26; Mrs. Bertha Olsen, Food Preservation Section FDB, Washington, and Hal Bölin, Midwest Office food preservation specialist, in Madison, Wisc., May 27-28, conferring on food preservation planning with Gordon Gunderson, State School Lunch and Direct Distribution Director.

Jeanette Hampton, area nutritionist, in Cincinnati, Ohio on a school lunch assignment this week and will later participate in a school lunch workshop at Bowling Green State U., Bowling Green, June 3, 4, and 5.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Processed Products Division - Max Austin, Supervisor

District office staff busy May 26-June 3 conducting schools for training State PMA people in sampling honey - in connection with the 1952 honey price support program to be carried out through the County PMA Committees.

Classes, locations, and F&V instructors: Indianapolis, (Indiana), Kenneth Franck; Gillivan, Ohio (Ohio-Kentucky), E. H. Bagley; Sioux City, Iowa (N. Dak., S. Dak., Neb., Kans., Mo., Ia., Minn.), Max Austin and Oscar Swanson; Detroit (Michigan), William Gambill; Chicago, (Illinois), Harold Holland and David Patton; Ripon, (Wisconsin), Myron F. Scheid and Max Austin.

Strawberry packing season about over in Arkansas and Tennessee; inspectors are being detailed to other areas. Seventeen West Coast inspectors returned to their regular stations last week. Many local office inspectors will be assigned to the Michigan area when the strawberry harvest gets under way in volume there about June 9.

Official travel: Max Austin to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, May 26.

Regulatory - W. A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

As the volume of new crop potatoes reaching the Chicago market increases, cases of misbranding of shipments are declining. Cabbage market, which broke badly in the past week after being "red hot" has resulted in some rejections by Chicago receivers due to undersize.

Market News - J. A. Hunter

Office at Benton Harbor, Michigan will open officially June 2 with Fred R. Tuttle who recently completed his training in the Chicago market news office, in charge. Tuttle will report the berry, fruit, and other market news originating in the Benton Harbor area until Jack Selby, who regularly reports this market, returns from detail to the Georgia peach deal.

Tom C. Hill, Cleveland, Ohio, has entered training in the Chicago market news office.

GRAIN

Regulatory and Inspection Division - Hazen P. English, Supervisor

Office now distributing new conversion charts on moisture testing for hard red winter and hard red spring wheat which will become effective June 16. The charts, to be used with the latest electronic testing equipment, will show a higher moisture content than present charts - as much as 2 to 3 tenths of one percent at the 14 percent level. This improvement in determining the actual moisture of wheat is of great importance in storage operations, Mr. English points out.

INFORMATION - John C. Baker, Chief

Washington visitor: R. L. Webster, director, Office of Information.

LATE WIRE reports first purchase of cheese under 1952 price support program - 28,205-1/2 lbs.

PMA STATE OFFICES

Missouri - E.R. Caldwell, Chairman

Records of 32 emptied bin sites which held nearly 3 million bu. of corn indicate a shortage of only .013%. Two wool handlers approved to date under price support program. Memo outlines procedure for delivery of red clover seed under 1950 and '51 support.

North Dakota - J. E. Kasper, Chairman

All county committees reminded that the GAO Pre-audit Office will be discontinued June 30 and advised to get all records in order for comprehensive audit by GAO. Memo clarifies agreements with SCS for technical assistance under 1952 ACP. Another memo to sugar beet counties outlines the constitution of farms under the Sugar Act Program.

Wisconsin - Walter F. Katterhenry, Chairman

County committees instructed to have all corn under loan sampled when June inspection is completed. Samples to be transmitted to state office for analysis -- to avoid possible damage to corn before the July 31 maturity date. Copies of 1952 grain price support bulletins and list of preliminary county and terminal support rates for wheat sent to all counties. Sugar beet counties supplied with instructions and forms for farms under the Sugar Act program.

Indiana - L. M. Vogler, Chairman

Status of 1951 ACP applications for payment shows 90.9 percent of applications to be submitted, received at the state office. All committees advised of opening of the Wool Appraisal Office in Chicago. Eight district meetings scheduled for the period June 2-12 to discuss the county committees plans for the 1953 ACP, new county office loan and price support procedures etc.

Ohio - Dale C. Williams, Chairman

Item in Newsletter: Ohio farmers set a record in spreading limestone in 1951. Used 2,211,000 tons compared with 1,623,000 in 1950. The Letter asks readers -- "Is a heavy rain on your farm a blessing or a curse? Do your fields absorb a heavy rain or run it off carrying away your topsoil?"

Michigan - James H. Quick, Chairman

County committees are reminded that May 31 is the final date for completing corn loans and purchase agreements on 1951 crop corn. Reminded to report fertilizer needs to state office by May 26. Status of 1951 ACP application work indicates 71 percent of applications received. Pointing out that 109,000 Michigan farmers will be carrying out ACP practices in 1952, the newsletter to county committees headlines the report "ACP means continued business on Main Street."

Illinois - Harry M. Combrink, Chairman

Memo to county committees points out that farm wages are subject to government wage controls similar to controls in other industries, lists maximum rates for farm labor, and outlines procedures farmers must follow when requesting WSB to increase wages. 1952 ACP performance made available to counties to accommodate farmers reporting early on practices carried out. Newsletter points out that May 29 is final date for accepting repayments of 1951 warehouse stored soybean loans by county committees.

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June 1952

June 2-12	Indiana County PMA Committees	District Meetings
June 2-13	Nebraska County PMA District Meetings	
June 5-6	Michigan PMA Conference	Saginaw, Michigan
June 9-10	Michigan Cannery Association	Traverse City
June 9-26	Missouri County PMA Committees	District Meetings
June 10-12	Produce Packaging Association	Columbus, Ohio
June 12-13	Commodity Office Directors' Conference	Chicago, Ill.
June 13-15	Minnesota Poultry, Butter, Egg Assoc. Outing	Breezy Point, Minnesota
June 17-19	Dairy Inspection & Grading Div. Area Conference	Chicago, Illinois
June 18	Chicago Commodity Office Area Grain Meeting	Chicago, Illinois
June 19	Chicago Commodity Office State PMA Meeting	Chicago, Illinois
June 19	Grocery Mfrs. of America	White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia
June 22	National Association Retail Grocers	Miami, Florida

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Mr. Bender attending Michigan PMA Conference at Saginaw.

Plans have been completed to move Office of Audit and Compliance and Investigation from their present location, 343 South Dearborn to the 6th and 7th floors, 623 South Wabash about July 1.

Mrs. Ruth Ehrlich, Records Section, has been detailed to assist in the preparation of records in the Kansas City Commodity Office for transfer to the GSA Records Center in that city.

AUDIT - Ray Pauley, in charge

Plans under way to move from present location, Eighteenth Floor, 343 S. Dearborn St., to space on the Seventh Floor, 623 South Wabash Avenue.

Only a few school lunch audits remain to be completed for the current fiscal year. Next year's audits won't start until schools re-open this fall. Audits of this type for fiscal year included: schools, 220; State School Lunch Agencies, 47; State Food Distribution agencies, 11; Area FDB office, 2.

Tentative plans for fiscal 1953 year provide for a staff of 35 in the Chicago office. Present staff- 28. Recruiting, particularly for GS-7 and GS-9 auditors, continues.

Auditor P. J. Thomas has been detailed to audit the Tobacco Association at Edgerton, Wisconsin, and Miamisburg, Ohio. Auditor L. O. Lehman has started an audit of research contracts between USDA and the American Meat Institute Foundation in Chicago.

CHICAGO COMMODITY OFFICE - George Bradley, Director

Milton Brown and Helen Wingo, both of Fiscal division, received certificates of appreciation and a joint award of \$10 for a suggestion effecting a saving in clerical work in the office.

Since July 1, 1951 awards totalling \$870 have been made to Chicago CO employees for suggestions effecting total annual savings of \$43,680. Additional savings of \$18,278 will result from suggestions still pending in the Central Committee.

Representatives of the General Accounting Office who have been checking Commodity Office records since February 7, concluded their investigations June 3.

Sales by Chicago CO during the period May 23 to 28, included 1,846,174 bu. corn and 800 cwt. of dry edible beans. During the period the office purchased 90,400 lbs. of spray non-fat milk powder under price support operations.

Civil complaint against Frankfort Feed and Grain Company, Frankfort, Indiana, charging shortage of approximately 34,000 bushels of CCC corn, was filed in Federal court in Indianapolis on May 27.

DAIRY

Inspection and Grading - Ed Small, Supervisor

B. J. Ommodt, Chief of the Branch's Inspection and Grading Division, visited the Chicago office and laboratory this week.

Laboratory - Dr. T. I. Hedrick, Chemist in charge

Maurice O'Donohue, laboratory aid currently on military leave with a medical unit in Korea, has received a \$75 award for meritorious service. O'Donohue designed a special mixing apparatus for use in reconstituting dried eggs sampled by the lab. He entered the service in March, 1951 and now expects to be back at work in the laboratory by the end of the year.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar Beyer, Supervisor

Supervisor O. F. Beyer and John J. James, chief of the transportation and warehousing section, will be in Springfield, Ill., June 11, 12, and 13 to confer with Illinois State officials on plans to transfer direct distribution activities from the Public Aid Commission to the Department of Public Instruction. Public Aid Commission had handled distribution of USDA donated commodities in the state since start of direct distribution in 1933.

Starting next week W. P. Patterson, food trade specialist, will be on assignment in Michigan to promote strawberry marketing. Governor G. Mennen Williams recently requested assistance from USDA for marketing of this year's record Michigan crop, estimated now at 1.5 million crates - 5% bigger than last year's bumper crop.

Official travel: Hal Bolin, three school lunch and food preservation workshops in Iowa - June 9, 10, 11; John Janus, -- in Wisconsin and Minnesota week of June 9, promoting marketing of stewing hens and strawberries through trade channels; statistician Ceil Tollefson to work with officials of Indiana Department of Public Instruction in drawing up plans for Indiana's 1952-53 School Lunch Program.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Processed Products - Max Austin, Supervisor

Supervisor Austin and Inspector Oscar Swanson visited a continuous inspection plant in Lincoln, Nebraska last week and conducted a training class in methods of sampling honey for representatives of 6 Midwest state PMA offices in Sioux City, Iowa.

Supervisor Austin will attend the two day sessions of the Michigan Cannery Association at Traverse City, Michigan, June 9 and 10.

Six inspectors are now assigned to Michigan plants processing asparagus. More inspectors will be detailed to Michigan when processing of the big strawberry crop there gets into full swing about June 15.

Marketing Field Office - R. E. Keller, in charge

California potatoes are now moving into midwest markets in increasing volume and supplies of potatoes are improving, but it may take to the end of June before the "pipelines" to consumers markets are filled up again. But by June 15, the potato scarcity should be past. Both rail and truck marketings are increasing every day.

Fresh Products - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Earl Biddick will leave June 8 for a two week assignment inspecting shipments of tomatoes moving to the fresh market from east Texas.

Regulatory Division, W. A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

Official travel: Edward Gibson, Louisville, Ky. this week on PACA matters. J. B. Branch detailed to licensing work under PACA in Chicago.

Market News - J. A. Hunter, in Charge

Mr. Hunter will appear on WGN-TV Monday morning at 9 o'clock to discuss potato supply situation.

GRAIN BRANCH

Regulatory and Inspection Division - Hazen P. English, Supervisor

In the interest of better grain inspection performance, a member of the Board of Grain Supervisors is conducting schools this week at St. Louis, Mo., and Decatur, Ill. for Grain Branch fieldmen and licensed grain inspectors.

INFORMATION - John C. Baker, Chief

TV program discussing potato supply situation being prepared for presentation on WGN-TV by J. A. Hunter, Fruit and Vegetable market reporter. Broadcast scheduled Monday, June 9, 9:00 a.m.

Food broadcasters and editors sent special Plentiful Foods promotion circular on stewing hens, in support of campaign conducted by FDB.

Visitor: Harry Clark, assistant chief of Western area Information office, en route to special detail in Washington.

LIVESTOCK BRANCH

Insecticide Division - William Tiedt, in charge

Mr. Tiedt has just returned to Chicago from a ten day trip devoted to regulatory work related to enforcement of the Insecticide Act. Trip covered Fort Wayne, Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit and smaller cities enroute.

Meat Grading - E. J. Webster, Supervisor

Washington visitor: Lloyd Tobin, in charge Grading Section of the Standardization and Grading Division, Washington.

POULTRY

Inspection and Grading Division - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Supervisor Dolson is in Wisconsin this week covering marketing points in the state with newly appointed State Supervisor of Poultry and Poultry Products Inspection, Herman Schubert. A. M. Jessen, former state supervisor, resigned because of ill health and Schubert took his place, effective June 1.

Dressed Poultry Inspection - Dr. W. S. Buchanan, Supervisor

Chicago regional office inspection work in April: sixty-four inspectors inspected 14,538,473 pounds of dressed poultry processed in 55 plants in the 12 state region. Volume of inspection of dressed poultry has been greatly increased in the past year in response to consumer demand for eviscerated and packaged poultry.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Arrangements have been completed for a 3-day visit in Chicago by 29 Europeans June 9 to 11. Visit is part of a 10-week stay in this country for this group of 10 Austrians, 2 Belgians, 6 Germans, 5 Norwegians and 6 Yugoslavians. Mutual Security Administration with the cooperation of USDA and Land-Grant Colleges, developed a special short course in milk production for this group.

Efforts are being made to locate qualified warehouse examiners for GS-7 and GS-9 positions for the Kansas City, Minneapolis, and Chicago Commodity Offices. Applicants should have warehouse inspection experience involving grain, wool, and processed commodities. The positions require travel in excess of 80%. Interested persons should file applications with the Personnel Management Division, Chicago.

STATE PMA COMMITTEES

Most state committees relayed several items to county committees: statement on potato supply situation and explanation of shortage; reports on limestone tests; announcement on honey price support program; survey of supplies of fertilizers and pesticides.

Iowa - Hervey Hazen, Chairman

Estimate of damage done by Missouri River flood in 6 Iowa counties:

Land and crops damaged: 303,262 acres on 1,854 farms.

Land not usable this year: 46,594 acres.

Acres in crops-completely lost, 58,416; partial loss, 17,386 acres.

Crop losses, \$3,419,300.

Losses in buildings and livestock, \$4,881,725

Loss to CCC, grains and bins, \$1,333,047

Dikes and ditches ruined, 690 miles; 2,323 miles of fences.

Cost of restoring channels in streams and rivers, \$3,355,000

Farmers who will need disaster loans: for crop production, 345; for livestock, 110; for equipment, 110; for buildings, 365. Total loans needed, \$1,439,166.

Illinois - Harry M. Combrink, Chairman

Eleven counties are instructed to secure limestone samples by June 7. Appendix to Illinois Handbook, 1952 ACP, sent to counties. Covers Special Conservation Practices, Changes in Rates of Assistance and Practices Applicable to Counties. Handbook of Official U. S. Grain Standards supplied to each county.

STATE PMA COMMITTEES (Cont'd)

Missouri - E. R. Caldwell, Chairman

Reports on damage from Missouri River flood in Missouri: Farms directly damaged, 3,689; acres of cropland damaged, 107,423; acres non-cropland damaged, 20,000; acres of crop and non-cropland unfit for farming purposes for indefinite period, 33,030; miles of levees damaged, 1,200; miles of drainage ditches damaged, 992.

District price support meetings scheduled for 9 districts from June 9 through June 26.

Michigan - James Quick, Chairman

State PMA conference, Saginaw, June 5 and 6. All but 20 counties have submitted summary of County Agricultural Mobilization Committee activities and minutes of meetings during May. All counties are reminded that a prompt inspection of all 1951 corn loan collateral should be made in June. 1951 ACP application work - 75% received at State Office.

North Dakota - J. E. Kasper, Chairman

In state's 1952 Crop Insurance program 85% of county and 53.9% of all community committeemen are insured. In 7 multiple insurance counties, 100% of the county and 91.1% of community committeemen are insured. Work outline for county committees for June indicates a very busy month for the county offices.

Indiana - L. M. Vogler, Chairman

A report of the current status of county office consolidation is requested from 23 counties. Minimum burley tobacco acreage allotments outlined in memo to tobacco counties.

Wisconsin - Walter F. Katterhenry, Chairman

How to determine and handle marketing quota violations by tobacco producers is explained in a memo to county committees.

Nebraska - Frank W. Reed, Chairman

Copies of "1952 Outlook for Recruiting and Placing Farm Labor" to all county Mobilization Committees with memo pointing out that success of this program to solve the farm labor shortage requires vigorous efforts by all concerned. Memo, with instructions, covers determination of performance under 1952 Sugar Beet program.

Ohio - Dale C. Williams, Chairman

Newsletter emphasizes "All risk Crop Insurance Will Take the Worry Out of the Weather." Memo lists 15 grain warehouses in state under Storage Guarantee Agreement and Occupancy Agreement. Copies of new commodity loan and purchase agreement procedure, form exhibits etc., sent to all committees, with instructions to bring this material to district meetings. Also bring copies of Lending Agency Agreement, Lending Agency Handbook and Interest Charts to these meetings.

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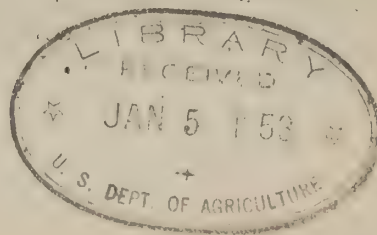
June 6 - 16	Ohio County PMA Committees	District Meetings
June 9 - 26	Missouri County PMA Committees	District Meetings
June 12- 13	Commodity Office Directors' Conference	Chicago, Illinois
June 16- 17	USDA Area Equipment Chairmen	Chicago, Illinois
June 16- 19	American Seed Trade Association	Detroit, Michigan
June 16- 18	National Fertilizer Association	White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia
June 16- 19	Annual Conference-USDA Regional Attorneys	Salt Lake City, Utah
June 17- 19	Dairy Inspection and Grading Div.	Chicago, Illinois
June 18	Chicago Commodity Office Grain Warehousemen Meeting	Chicago, Illinois
June 18- 25	National 4-H Club Camp	Washington, D.C.
June 19	Chicago Commodity Office 6 state PMA meeting	Chicago, Illinois
June 19	Grocery Mfrs. of America	White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia
June 22- 26	National Association Retail Grocers	Miami, Florida
June 23- 27	South Dakota Ass'n of Sanitarians	Sylvan Lake, S.D.
June 23- 25	Commodity Offices - Fiscal Branch Conference	Chicago, Illinois
June 26- 28	Friends of the Land	Chicago, Illinois
June 26	Hoosier Junior Lamb Show	Indianapolis, Ind.
June 30-July 2	PMA Conference-Administrator, Area Directors, State PMA Chairmen	St. Louis, Mo.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Dick Bender to Des Moines, Iowa this week to arrange for additional office space in the USDA consolidated state office there for Frank Santo, regional supervisor of poultry grading.

Chicago staff will be hosts next week to the National Area Equipment Committee Chairmen meeting here June 16-17. Members of the Area 3 Agricultural Equipment Committee will meet here June 18, with John Schultz, U.S. Forest Service, Milwaukee, the Chairman, presiding.

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AUDIT - Ray Pauley, in charge

Audits of State and County PMA offices have been discontinued temporarily because of lack of Section 392 funds. Will start again with the opening of the new fiscal year July 1.

Twenty-nine audits of grain elevators submitting claims under the Storage Guarantee program have been completed through May 31. Substantial reductions in amounts claimed resulted in most cases. Four of these audits remain to be completed in June. Six more elevator claims are under review by the PMA Commodity Office before referral to Audit.

Auditor Frank Pouchnik has recently completed four audits under the flaxseed and linseed oil programs in the Minneapolis area. Auditor R. E. Harwick, on detail from the Dallas Office of Audit, will visit the Kansas City and Minneapolis PMA Commodity offices.

CHICAGO COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Conference of Commodity Office Directors will be held in Chicago, June 12 and 13. Conferees will include:

Elmer F. Kruse, Assistant Administrator for Commodity Operations; John H. Dean, Deputy Administrator; Robert A. Hanson, Staff Assistant; John Somers, Director, Fiscal Branch; Drexel Watson, Director and William McArthur, Assistant Director, Grain Branch; M. J. Hudtloff, Director, Transportation and Warehousing Branch; Robert Herder, Assistant Administrator for Program Coordination; and Robert Beach, Chief, Office of Budget.

Directors of PMA Commodity Offices: C. H. Mosely, Dallas; Donald E. Smith, Kansas City; James A. Cole, Minneapolis; F. P. Biggs, New Orleans; Ralph Y. DeWolfe, New York; Clyde L. Kiddle, Portland; Roland F. Ballou, San Francisco; and George Bradley, Chicago.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

Paul Hirsch, Gary, Indiana, joined the C and I staff June 3 as agent-investigator. Formerly with the Federal Trade Commission as attorney-examiner.

DAIRY

Laboratory- Dr. T. I. Hedrick, Chemist in charge

Frank Groves is taking training in various phases of laboratory work in preparation for assignment as an inspector for the Inspection and Grading division. He was formerly employed by the Consolidated Badger Co-op, Shawano, Wis.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar Beyer, Supervisor

Walter Patterson of Food Trades section, visited strawberry producers in Benton Harbor, area on Monday, to determine need for promotion effort to aid in marketing of crop. At the moment, prospects for the crop indicate no special effort will be needed.

Hazel Hearn, school lunch supervisor of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, will be a visitor next week.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Processed Products- Max Austin, Supervisor

Supervisor Austin attending Michigan Cannery convention in Traverse City this week - Dave Patton, acting supervisor in charge.

Twenty-four inspectors have been detailed to processing plants expected to be in full operation by next week in the strawberry areas of Michigan. End of the strawberry season in July, will coincide with the opening of the sour cherry season - about July 15. Practically all strawberries processed will be frozen. Inspectors will move to new assignments as the season progresses in the Michigan fruit belt extending from Benton Harbor to Traverse City.

Fresh Products - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Earl Biddick, currently on inspection work in the Jacksonville, Texas tomato area, will attend the Southwest Peanut Industry meeting at Mineral Wells, Texas, June 12-13. State Supervisors Lewis Von Wald of Oklahoma, and George Criss, Texas, will also attend.

Requests for inspection of potatoes for grade and condition, and sometimes for size, again being received by the office. For a long period no such requests were received due to the strong demand for, and limited supply of potatoes in Midwest markets.

Twenty inspectors now assigned to the Michigan strawberry area. Fresh market opened at Benton Harbor, June 5. More men will be detailed to the Michigan area as the season advances.

Regulatory Division - W. A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

First complaint involving poor quality and poor condition of a car of California potatoes, filed with the office. With supplies becoming more liberal, buyers are more cautious.

Watson Miller outlined the Regulatory Division's work in relation to purchase of fruits and vegetables, to a class on procurement at the U.S. Army QMC depot June 10.

J. W. Branch has been detailed to the Benton Harbor area to check on prospective licensees under PACA.

Market News Division - J. A. Hunter, Chief

Potato supply and price situation explained to WGN-TV audience Monday, June 9, by Chief Hunter. Shortage few weeks ago caused by small 1951 crop and delayed maturity of late spring crops in the Carolinas and California.

Potato prices tending downward as more than 1,000 cars per day move to market from California and North Carolina. Heavy marketing will continue for most of month. Prices Wednesday had dropped from a high of \$9-\$9.50 after controls went off, to \$8-8.50 per cwt.

Onion prices - high as a result of tie-in sales while potato prices were controlled, have dropped to around \$2.50 for a 50-lb. sack.

Harold Sutton who reports the jobbing sales on the fresh market, reports generous supplies of very fine quality strawberries on the market. Also supplies of very good quality cantaloups from Arizona and California.

Market Newsmen Fred I. Tuttle officially opened the Benton Harbor season June 5 with his first report.

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GRAIN

Regulatory and Inspection Division - Hazen P. English, Supervisor

At the request of grain trade members, division has been conducting meetings explaining wheat inspection and classification. At one of these meetings held June 8 at Decatur, H.A. Harlow of the Chicago office explained the inspection and classification of wheat grown in Illinois. In attendance were trade members, farmers, and representatives of the U.S. grain inspection service and licensed grain inspectors from down-state Illinois.

INFORMATION - John Baker, Chief

Paul Ostendorf visiting PMA offices, newspapers, radio and TV stations in Kansas City this week.

Helping hand extended to J. A. Hunter in preparing for television program on Monday over WGN-TV, discussing potato supply situation.

Office has received supply of dummy labels to identify food products without displaying brand names; intended primarily for use on television programs.

Special promotion material sent to food editors and broadcasters last week calling attention to plentiful supply and low price of stewing hens, and special sales by food stores June 19-21.

LIVESTOCK

Grading Division - E. J. Webster, Supervisor

John Pierce, chief, Standardization section, Standardization and Grading Division, in Chicago this week, working with a group of meat judging classes from Midwest universities.

Packers and Stockyards Division - C. D. Jennings, Supervisor

Auditor John Brannigan is making an official audit of the Detroit Stockyards company this week.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Senate Committee has eliminated the "Thomas Rider" from the Independent Offices Appropriations Bill. This amendment would have prohibited the accumulation of leave. Differences between House and Senate version will be settled in Joint Committee.

The Third Supplemental Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 1952 has been passed and signed by the President. The Bill includes a revision of the Whitten Amendment. Among other things, the revised Amendment provides that Agencies may make permanent promotions. Number of promotions will be based on the number of employees holding permanent positions in each grade as of September 1, 1950.

It also permits more than two grade promotions to excepted positions -- under certain circumstances.

John P. Haughey, PMA Personnel Officer, will be in Chicago, June 12-13.

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POULTRY

Inspection and Grading Division - Lawrence Dolson, in charge

Office of the Federal-State Supervisor, Inspection and Grading division in Wisconsin is moving this week from the Court House, Milwaukee, to space with the State PMA office, 117 Monona Ave., Madison. The office will open at the new location June 16 with Herman Schubert, newly appointed Federal-State Supervisor, in charge. He succeeds Art Jessen who has transferred to Phoenix, Arizona.

STATE COMMITTEES

Illinois - Harry M. Combrink, Chairman

New requirement: one person in each county must be responsible for crop insurance sales. New policy for insurance on 1953 wheat has been issued to all 152 policy holders.

Cut-out prints available from aerial photographs covering 14 Illinois counties.

Counties asked to complete surveys for sod waterways by June 27, to be eligible for ACP payments.

Indiana - L. M. Vogler, Chairman

Each county Agricultural Mobilization committee asked to prepare report on land use, as part of nationwide Agricultural Resources Conservation program. Report will cover many items, including acreage of principal crops, grasses, woodland etc. in 1952, goals for '53, and long range goals, estimate of number of farms now following good conservation practices. County reports to be submitted by October 1.

Iowa - Hervey E. Hazen, Chairman

Twenty-two counties allocated funds for restoration of farm land; each county asked to report if all funds will be needed.

Counties asked to review ACP lists of farms, and count farms on basis of operating units, rather than ownership.

Missouri - E. R. Caldwell, Chairman

Missouri has been allocated \$1,500,000 for restoration of farm land damaged by recent flood. About 3,869 farms in 11 counties affected. Up to May 31, 249 applications for funds had been received, 20 suspended.

District meetings will be held during June with county committees to discuss new procedures and agreements with lending agencies making price support loans.

Nebraska - Frank W. Reed Chairman

Preliminary instructions to county committees on handling applications for land restoration funds.

State committee lists four grain warehouses no longer eligible to receive CCC grain for storage.

North Dakota - John Kasper, Chairman

Counties asked to clear up debts on loans made for crop drying and storage facilities.

Of 16,452 crop insurance policies in force, acreage reports on 8,482 had been signed by end of May.

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STATE COMMITTEES (Cont'd)

Ohio - Dale Williams, Chairman

Counties asked to change printed loan documents to show change in interest rate on commodity loans, from 3% to 3.5%.

District meetings with county committeemen being held between June 6 and 16, to discuss new commodity loan procedures.

Nineteen different conservation practices approved for ACP payments in various Ohio counties.

Wisconsin - Walter Katterhenry, Chairman

All counties received provisions of price support programs for wool and for honey.

IN THE FARM PAPERS

Dakota Farmer

Principal articles: county organizations to control weeds, problems of single-farm irrigation, grass silage, animal ailments caused by feeds.

Wallace's Farmer, Iowa

Editorials: Corn went in faster this year than several years past. ACP is still on trial; unless improvements are made, appropriations may be cut next year. Principal articles: driving tractors on highways is dangerous; more egg profit by improving quality; hay dryer provides better quality hay.

The Farmer, Minnesota

Editorial: Red River Valley potato growers have voted to tax themselves half-cent on each bag of potatoes to improve quality and promote sale of potatoes. Principal articles: father-son farming relationships; cheap beef from corncocks; late spray of 2,4-D to kill weeds in corn.

Michigan Farmer

Editorial column: agricultural exports will decline in '52; hog prices will improve.

Principal articles: Benefits of grass farming demonstrated in six grass days during June; proposals to re-map state legislative districts.

Ohio Farmer

Editorial quotes Dean Myers, Cornell: "Good public relations for agriculture requires farm programs that are clearly in the long-run interests of both producers and consumers, and more effective publicity to tell urban people about them."

Wisconsin Agriculturist

Editorials advocate dairymen contributing to Dairy Association advertising fund; stick with dairying, rather than switching to beef. Articles: cut hay early for quality, save leaves; use fertilizer as side dressing to boost corn yields.

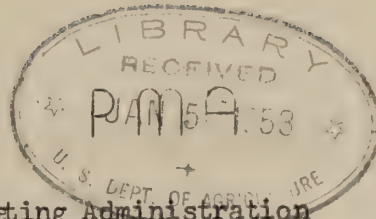
Nebraska Farmer

June is Dairy Month; Nebraska now has about 1 million acres irrigated. Principal article, illustrated, on preparing grain bins for new crop.

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June 9 - 26	Missouri County PMA Committees	District meetings
June 16- 20	Association Official Seed Analysts	W. Lafayette, Ind.
June 17- 19	Dairy Inspection & Grading Prog.	P.O. Bldg.-Chicago
June 18	National Creameries Ass'n	Ames, Iowa
June 18	Chicago Commodity Office	
	Grain Warehousemen Meeting	Chicago
June 18- 25	National 4-H Club Camp	Washington, D.C.
June 19	Chicago Commodity Office-State PMA Meeting	Chicago
June 19	Kansas City Commodity Office-State PMA Meeting	Kansas City, Mo.
June 19- 20	Indiana PMA Farmer-Fieldmen Conf.	Indianapolis
June 19	Grocery Mfrs. of America	White Sulphur Springs W. Va.
June 19- 20	Michigan Future Farmers Judging Contest	East Lansing
June 22- 26	National Assoc. Retail Grocers	Miami
June 23- 27	South Dakota Ass'n of Sanitarians	Sylvan Lake, S.D.
June 23- 25	Commodity Offices-Fiscal Branch Conf.	Chicago
June 23- 25	National Dairy Council	Edgewater Beach Hotel Chicago
June 24	Indiana Agricultural Mobilization Comm.	Indianapolis
June 26- 28	Friends of the Land	Conrad Hilton Hotel Chicago
June 26	Hoosier Junior Lamb Show	Indianapolis
June 26	Annual Junior Market Lamb Show	Chicago
June 30	Michigan State Veterinary Medical Assn.	East Lansing
June 30-July 2	PMA Conference - Administrator, Area Directors, State PMA Chairmen	St. Louis, Mo.

AUDIT - Ray Pauley, in Charge

L. O. Lehman is en route to Colorado for audits of three grain elevators filing claims under the Storage Guarantee Program. Audits of contractors under Research programs, have been completed for the fiscal year.

Harry J. Roames Jr., Chicago, has joined the Chicago Office staff as an auditor.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, in Charge

Albert C. Christian, accountant in charge, and Agents John Hickey, William G. Tripp and James McLenighan are on official business in the Minneapolis area. Maurice Stickgold, special agent in charge, returned Tuesday from Champaign, Ill., where he conferred with C and I Agent Story L. Fortenberry, currently detailed to assignments in that area. Agent Edward Nealon testified this week before a Federal grand jury at East St. Louis, Ill., in connection with a case he had been assigned to investigate.

CHICAGO COMMODITY OFFICE - George Bradley, Director

In the period July 1, 1951, through June 4, 1952 the Transportation and Warehousing Division, under J. M. Boberski, chief, has supervised the shipment of more than 10,000 carloads of commodities originating in the 6 state area served by the Chicago Commodity Office. Paper work connected with this assignment included: Freight payments on all cars listed above; bills of lading handled, 16,925; post-audits of freight bills, 22,285; loading orders issued for bulk commodities, 4,010; notices to deliver issued for processed commodities, 1,084.

The division also issued 3,173 warehouse agreements and contracts to local and terminal elevators in the area.

The office assignments are carried out by a staff of 93. Chiefs of sections in T and W are: Traffic, Otto Maus; Shipping Operations, William Gaynor; Storage and Maintenance, Al Bohlman.

Sales by Chicago Commodity Office, June 6-12: Corn, 2,179,051 bu.; wheat, 340 bu.; cranberry beans, 7,925 cwt. Office also bought 619,720 lbs. spray non-fat milk powder under 1952 dairy price support program.

Criminal trial of Kingston Farmers Exchange, Kingston, Ohio, in connection with illegal conversion of CCC-owned grain, has been set for June 23.

Washington visitor: Stanley McMahon, Grain Branch Marketing Specialist, attending Commodity Office meetings here June 19-20.

DAIRY

Inspection and Grading Division - Ed Small, Supervisor

Francis W. Groves has been appointed resident inspector at the new milk plant of International Milk Processors Inc., at Ridgeland, Wisconsin. This plant, first to produce canned natural whole milk in the Mid-west is now ready for operation and will begin operations in early July.

Groves will perform all inspection services covering receiving, processing, and canning of whole milk, including laboratory analysis and issuing of inspection certificates. He will also be at the service of the plant management as a consultant for quality improvement. He will make a daily check of the condition and sanitation of the plant and equipment, operating methods, and actual canning.

Milk canned at the Ridgeland plant, under the rigid inspection outlined above, will be marketed under the trade name Med-o-Milk. Each can will bear the official USDA Shield and inspection legend stating that the milk was processed and canned under USDA supervision.

Canned "Med-o-Milk" is produced under a new process which preserves the qualities of fresh milk indefinitely without refrigeration. The process was developed by Dr. Roy Graves, formerly of USDA's Bureau of Dairy Industry. The milk is not exposed to the air from the time it leaves the cow until the consumer opens the can. It is homogenized, pasteurized and sterilized, and when opened is said to retain a fresh flavor.

The new canned milk has been produced since mid 1950 at East Stanwood, Washington. Major part of the production has been taken by the military services and Alaska.

Attending the Inspection and Grading programs conference in Chicago, June 18-20, from Washington are: E. M. Norton, Deputy Director, Dairy Branch; B. J. Ommott, chief, Inspection and Grading Division, his assistant, H. E. Meister; Lyle Shanks, Administrative Office, and John Nichols of the administrative staff.

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DAIRY

Laboratory - Dr. T. I. Hedrick, in charge

Washington visitor: Joseph A. Rubis, Inspection and Grading Division, June 17.

Chicago Milk Market Administrator - A. W. Colebank

Receipts of milk in the area served by the Chicago Federal Milk order during May totaled 395 million pounds - 16 million more than in May 1951. The 22,696 dairymen who supplied the milk received an average of \$4.12 per cwt. Of the month's total about 165.2 million lbs. was consumed as fluid milk; 90.7 million pounds was used for cream and ice cream; and 119.1 million pounds went into production of butter and cheese.

In three closely related actions USDA June 16 approved changes resulting in increases in the price differentials of Class I and Class II milk delivered to the areas served by the Chicago, Milwaukee, and Freeport-Rockford, Ill. federal milk orders. Actions will coordinate the classing and classification of milk marketed in the three areas which compete for milk produced in overlapping milksheds. Farmers will receive increase of 20¢ per hundredweight.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

Arrangements have been completed for the transfer of direct distribution programs administration in Illinois from the Illinois Public Aid Commission to the State Department of Public Instruction. Harold A. Wolfe has been designated State Supervisor of Commodity Distribution. Supervisor O. F. Beyer and John J. James, chief of the transportation and warehousing section, FDB, attended the meetings at Springfield at which the transfer was effected.

Official travel: Jeanette Hampton, June 16-20, School Lunch workshop at Iowa State College, Ames; Ina Morris, School Lunch workshop, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, this week.

Arthur Siemers is back at work after a 30 day sick leave.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Processed Products Division - Max Austin, Supervisor

Additional inspectors were assigned to Michigan plants as strawberry processing season moved into full swing in that state.

GRAIN

Regulatory and Inspection Division - Hazen P. English, Supervisor

Seven carloads of wheat were seized at Minnesota points in recent weeks by the Food and Drug Administration, when the cars were found to contain wheat which had been treated with poisonous fungicides for use as seed. Tip off to these dangerous shipments came from William A. Pahl, U. S. Grain supervisor at Duluth, Minnesota, following examination of samples submitted to his office by state grain inspectors. FDA believes that all shipments of this type have now been located.

SEED ACT DIVISION

W. C. Dfaender, asst. Chief, Seed Act Division and O. L. Justice, chief Seed Testing Section, are attending the sessions of the Association of Official Seed Analysts at West Lafayette, Indiana; June 16-20.

INFORMATION - John Baker, Chief

"Food, Fiber, and the Future," film produced by Office of Motion Pictures, Washington, and distributed by PMA area information offices, to encourage increased farm production, was shown 18 times on 14 Midwest television stations during April, May, and June.

Paul Ostendorf visited PMA offices and newspapers, radio, and TV stations in Kansas City last week. Arranged for daily market reports for fruit and vegetable producers in Kansas and Missouri to be carried daily by United Press.

Announcement sent to trade publications and to radio stations concerning PMA's need for qualified warehouse inspectors.

LIVESTOCK

Market News - L. M. Wyatt, in Charge

Henry Uhler, newly appointed reporter, will report for duty on Monday, June 23. After a brief period of training at the Chicago office, Uhler will be assigned to the Omaha office.

Industry Advisory Committee on Foot and Mouth Disease recommended to USDA continued cooperation with Mexican government; continuation of border patrol to prevent importing disease into U.S.; establishment of special laboratory for research on foot and mouth disease. Bill to provide for such a laboratory has been passed by House of Representatives; now before Senate. Laboratory would be located on coastal island. Plans have been made by BAI.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Chicago office is recruiting for 18 government warehouse inspectors to serve as staff members of the Kansas City, Minneapolis, and Chicago Commodity offices. Jobs are open in the grain growing areas of midwest and plains states for qualified men. Salaries range from \$3,400 to \$5,000 -- GS-5 - GS-9.

Jobs involve warehouse and grain inspection, records examination to determine title to grain, compliance with CCC's Grain Storage Agreement, etc. While most of work involves grain, some is concerned with other commodities - wool, honey, oils, etc.

Inspectors will be in travel status a great part of the time, at \$8 per day expense allowance and 7¢ per mile for auto travel. Interested persons should apply to PMA Personnel Offices, Chicago, Kansas City, or Minneapolis.

POULTRY

Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Ward Wagner, assistant chief, Inspection and Grading Division, Washington visiting the Chicago office this week.

PMA STATE COMMITTEES

Illinois - Harry M. Combrink, Chairman

Annual report for 1951 summarizes in 18 pages PMA activities in Illinois. Total of 162,822 farms were signed in ACP program, 67% of farms in state. Farmers spread 2.9 million tons of lime, 630,000 tons of rock phosphate, contoured 295,000 acres, seeded 490 million square feet of sod waterways. PMA took over 202,000 soil samples for testing. ACP payments
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PMA STATE COMMITTEES (Cont'd)

Illinois (cont'd)

cover about one-third of cost of conservation practices. Approximately 8,500 farmers took out price support loans, about half on corn, remainder on soybeans, wheat, oats, hay, and pasture seed.

County committees instructed to accept applications from grain warehousemen and hold them for further details concerning new Uniform Grain Storage Agreement.

Indiana - L. M. Vogler, Chairman

Instructions to counties on changes in documents to show increase in interest rates on price support loans from 3% to 3.5%.

List of soybean loan rates, by county.

Procedures on handling loans on wool and honey.

Iowa - H. E. Hazen, Chairman

County committees instructed to urge local banks to sign agreements to make price support loans to farmers. Present agreements expire August 15.

Counties being sent supply of special mimeograph paper to be used only for elections of PMA committeemen. Dates not set.

Corn in CCC bins tests 10.6 to 12.5% moisture based on county averages.

Missouri - E. R. Caldwell, Chairman

\$1,500,000 in flood relief funds allocated to Missouri for land restoration. Will be used in 25 counties along Missouri River. Each county asked to make another estimate of funds needed.

County price support rates for soybeans distributed. State average, \$2.56.

Michigan - James H. Quick, Chairman

Three warehouses approved for storing beans under CCC loan. Two warehouses removed from list eligible to store seeds.

Committees in sugar beet counties urged to check compliance with child labor laws.

Nebraska - Frank Reed, Chairman

Instructions to counties on reporting performance by farmers in conservation program.

Five grain elevators removed from list eligible to receive grain under price support program.

Counties instructed to order farmers to deliver grain under loan and not redeemed by June 13.

North Dakota - John Kasper, Chairman

County committees provided with report on prices received by farmers and parity prices for major commodities as of May 15.

Lists of 11 wool handlers approved for handling CCC loans.

Ohio - Dale Williams, Chairman

Counties sent instructions for determining acreage of tobacco and performance in connection with marketing quotas: also forms for notifying growers of excess acreage.

Instructions concerning Employee Suggestion Program distributed.

Wisconsin - Walter Katterhenry, Chairman

Homer Smith has resigned from State Committee, and has been replaced by Fred Borner, of Prescott; member of State Committee 1939-43.

State Agricultural Mobilization Committee has worked out new method of determining draft of farm workers under Selective Service; new form to be filled out by persons seeking deferment.

IN MIDWEST FARM PAPERS

Missouri Ruralist

Feature articles: Many cotton stands had to be replanted this year.

Writers opinion: chemical sprays, followed by unfavorable growing weather injured young plants.

Interest rises in producing and marketing quality eggs.

Indiana Farmers Guide

Indiana State Fair will celebrate 100th birthday this year, beginning August 28.

Purdue research shows cheaper methods of fattening cattle.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

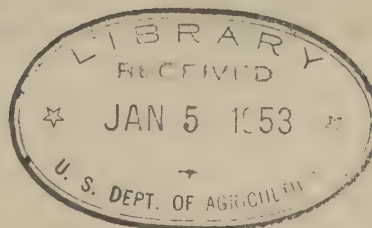
June 23 - July 3	Seed Testing School	Federal Seed Laboratory Kansas City, Missouri
June 30 - July 1, 2	Friends of the Land	Conrad Hilton Chicago, Illinois
June 26	Hoosier Junior Lamb Show	Indianapolis, Indiana
June 26	Annual Junior Market Lamb Show	Chicago, Illinois
June 21-30	Planning Committee Foundation Seed Program	Minneapolis, Minnesota
June 30	Michigan State Veter- inary Medical Assoc.	E. Lansing, Michigan
June 30 - July 2	PMA National Conference- Administrator, Area Directors, State PMA Chairman	St. Louis, Missouri
July 7-18	PMA District meetings	South Dakota
July 7	Indiana ACP Handbook meeting - PMA-SCS Technical Advisory Committee	Indianapolis, Indiana
July 9-10	National Kraut Packers Association	Port Clinton, Ohio
July 9-10	Ohio PMA Conference	Columbus, Ohio

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Offices of Audit and Compliance and Investigation are being moved on Friday back to 623 S. Wabash, after 16 months in Fisher Bldg. at Van Buren and Dearborn. Audit will occupy former space on 7th Floor; Compliance and Investigation, southwest corner of 6th Floor. New partitions being constructed.

Building management in Brunswick Building is repairing plumbing and heating systems, weatherproofing windows, installing venetian blinds, repairing floors, and installing new lights and ventilators.

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AUDIT - Ray Pauley, in charge

Chief Ray Pauley is visiting the Wisconsin state PMA office at Madison this week; also conferring with Auditor Thomas at the Edgerton Tobacco Cooperative, at Edgerton, Wisconsin.

Richard Harwick and Harry Reames joined the staff, effective Monday, June 23. Harwick transferred from the Audit office in Dallas, and will have charge of internal audits in the Commodity Office. Reames transferred from the Army Audit Agency.

Max Skilnik and Tom Vopatek are auditing records of the Food Distribution Branch.

Office continues to recruit qualified auditors at Grades 7,9, and 11.

Office will move from Fisher Building to Brunswick Building, 7th Floor, on Friday of this week.

CHICAGO COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Director Bradley and staff met last Wednesday with representatives of grain trades in 6-state area, and following day with representatives of state PMA committees, discussing grain storage problems.

Staffs of all divisions are cooperating in developing centralized filing system for semi-active files covering all warehouses with which Chicago office does business. Files are located in southeast sector of 8th floor, Brunswick Building.

Administrative and Fiscal Divisions engaged in closing books on various phases of Commodity Office activity for fiscal year ending June 30.

Performance budgets for new fiscal year being prepared for submission to Washington.

Transportation and Warehousing Division has sent copies of new Uniform Grain Storage Agreements to approximately 1550 grain warehousemen who now are signed up. New agreements involve higher bonds for warehousemen and more rigid requirements for approval. Letters going to approximately 200 other warehousemen who stored CCC-owned dairy products, oils, and other commodities, to check on adequacy of bonds.

Chicago office played host this week to national conference of CCC fiscal officers, from Washington and all area Commodity offices. Meeting conducted by J.J. Somers, Washington Fiscal chief, aided by William Kelly, John Vaughn, and William Wilson of Washington staff. Assistant directors and fiscal officers of area offices attended.

Sales last week: 1,989,506 bushels of corn and 795 cwt. of beans. Purchases: 323,445 lbs. dry skim milk and 175,413 lbs. cheese.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Claggett, Chief.

Office will move from Fisher Building to 6th floor, Brunswick Building on Friday of this week.

DAIRY

Inspection and Grading - Ed Small, Supervisor

Inspection and grading supervisors from all parts of the United States met in Chicago last week with Preston Richards, Dairy Branch Director, and B.J. Ommott, supervisor of inspection and grading work. Annual meeting of supervisors continued three days.

Chief Small this week visiting inspected dairy plants at Madison, Juneau and Marshfield, Wisconsin.

Laboratory - Dr. T.I. Hedrick, in charge

Dr. Hedrick has prepared article on services of Chicago laboratory for publication in "Bakers Helper" trade paper published in Chicago, circulated nation-wide among bakers.

Testing samples of commercial exports of dried skim milk has increased during recent weeks. Laboratory has analyzed increasing amounts of cheese bought by CCC for price support.

Visitor this week has been K.P. Jain, of India. Especially interested in testing work of laboratory and relationship to grades and standards of dairy products.

Milk Market Administrator - A. W. Colebank

Washington visitor: Branch director, Preston Richards.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

Midwest area has been allocated 6 million pounds of ham, bacon, and smoked pork shoulder, purchased by Federal government under surplus-removal program. Will be distributed among 11 states; schools will receive priority on ham and shoulder; institutions will receive priority on bacon. Deliveries will take place between September 1 and December 31.

Supervisor Beyer conferring on school lunch and direct distribution problems this week in Jefferson City, Mo.; next week, Madison, Wisconsin and St. Paul, Minnesota.

Jeanette Hampton, nutritionist, taking part in school lunch workshops this week at Michigan State College.

Hal Bolin, food preservation specialist, taking part in series of school lunch workshops this week and next in Wisconsin, at Superior, Stevens Point, and Platteville.

John Janus, Food Trades specialist, visiting Benton Harbor, Michigan, to confer with raspberry growers of that area.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

R.E. Keller, marketing specialist, visiting several points in Wisconsin and Michigan, with D.M. Rubel, chief of fruit section, Washington.

Processed Products Inspection - Max Austin, chief.

Twelve inspectors assigned to pea pack in Wisconsin, most of them reassigned from inspection work on Texas tomatoes, Florida citrus fruit, and Tennessee strawberries. Inspectors will continue in Wisconsin for cherry pack in July and corn pack in August. Strawberry processing in Michigan expected to end this week.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE - Continued

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, chief.

About 150 inspectors have been licensed in Michigan for cherry harvest, to comply with new state law providing for compulsory inspection.

Inspection work in Arkansas and Tennessee has been reduced by hot dry weather which injured head lettuce and peach crops.

Raspberries in Michigan next big deal requiring inspection.

Regulatory - W.A. Hilgeson, Chief

J. W. Branch testified as government witness in PACA license hearing held in Memphis this week. He will contact prospects for PACA licenses in several cities in Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan before returning to the Chicago office about July 20.

Removal of price ceilings from potatoes on June 5 has resulted in many disputes between sellers and buyers which regulatory staff attempts to settle. Many contracts based on ceiling prices; when prices took sharp jump, sellers did not want to deliver; when prices later went under ceiling, buyers did not want to accept delivery.

U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld earlier PACA ruling in favor of Wesco Foods Company, Chicago, against DeMase & Manna Company, of Pittsburgh. Latter company ordered to pay reparations plus interest, attorney fees and printing costs, totaling over \$2500. Payment has been made and case closed.

GRAIN

Judson A. Thompson, Washington Marketing Specialist visited Lansing and other points in the State of Michigan (June 14-29) in connection with bean storage program.

Planning Committee of the Foundation Seed Program is meeting in Minneapolis. Arnold S. Dahl, Washington Marketing Specialist attended.

Inspection - Hazen English, Field Supervisor

Federally licensed inspectors in wheat growing areas kept busy by harvest of wheat in Oklahoma and Kansas. Yields reported good, crop of unusually high quality, favored by dry weather during harvest.

School for seed analysts being held by Federal Seed Laboratory, Kansas City, June 23 to July 3. Covers purity analysis, germination, seed identification.

INFORMATION - John Baker, Chief

Virginia Peterson visiting PMA offices, radio stations and newspapers in Minneapolis and St. Paul this week, in interests of PMA information services.

John Baker will attend Administrator's meeting with state chairmen next week in St. Louis.

Entire staff sweating over up-to-date job descriptions.

Grain trade, news services, and farm papers notified of distribution of new grain storage agreements to Midwest warehousemen.

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LIVESTOCK - L.M. Wyatt, group leader

Packers and Stockyards Division - C.D. Jennings, Supervisor

Midwest supervisors of Packers and Stockyards Act met last week in Chicago with M.J. Cook, Washington supervisor. Included supervisors stationed in Chicago, Cleveland, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Omaha, Cincinnati, St. Paul.

John Brannigan conducting audits of livestock commission firms in Detroit.

J.D. Poskin, making official visit to Milwaukee stockyards.

Vernon E. Foster, former district supervisor of Packers and Stockyards Act in Chicago for about 20 years, died Wednesday night at his home in Chicago, age 74. Retired in 1948 after 29 years of government service.

Market News - L.M. Wyatt, Chief

Cattle prices took sharpest drop in many months last week, result of large receipts. Some recovery in prices this week, but still several dollars below prices of last winter.

Henry Uhler has joined market news staff as trainee. Graduate of Michigan State College, with masters degree from U. of Ill.

Insecticide Division - William Tiedt, Chief

Mr. Tiedt on official business in Peoria.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Office is actively recruiting qualified people to fill jobs as warehouse inspectors in Commodity Office in Chicago, Minneapolis and Kansas City, and in T&W office in Indianapolis and Omaha. Harry Wishmire, of Indianapolis T&W office, looked over applications on Wednesday.

New staff members: Betty Webster, daughter of Mrs. Ellen Webster Meyer, of dairy grading inspection office; Virginia Kilberg, vacation-time employee of PMA past two summers.

Maurice Ward will be in Washington on official business late this week and early next week.

POULTRY

Nearly 8,000 food retailers have attended classes in merchandising of poultry and eggs during the past 18 months under program supervised by PMA's Poultry Branch, carried out by Poultry and Egg National Board. Charles Hawks, former Poultry Branch representative in Midwest is supervisor of training program, assisted by three instructors, Fred Buzen, Harold Rotzel, and William Hager. About 500 classes have been held in 146 cities in 23 states in eastern half of U.S. Plans now being made to hold classes in California.

Instruction during one-day classes covers standards of quality for chickens, turkeys and eggs; how to handle and store each item to preserve quality; how to display and merchandise for most attractive appearance.

Inspection and Grading - L.J. Dolson, Chief.

Chicago office will expand supervisory area July 1, to include Missouri, Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana. L.J. Dolson in Des Moines this week to arrange for transfer of Missouri records from Des Moines headquarters.

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POULTRY - Continued

Inspection and Grading - Continued

Dale Shearer will join staff as assistant supervisor July 1. Comes from Louisiana state inspection service at New Orleans. Formerly worked in Chicago as dairy inspector.

Market News - Floyd Simpson, Chief

Weekly summary of Chicago poultry and egg markets will be discontinued this week, as economy measure. Daily reports will continue.

TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING

Three Washington representatives of T&W Branch in Midwest area this week. E.A. Levi at Minneapolis; W.A. McGannon in Kansas City, Mo., Kansas and Nebraska; T.T. Clifford at Chicago and Des Moines, Iowa. All are making survey in PMA Commodity Offices of State Warehousing Laws and their administration.

J.B. Pease, of Washington staff, in Chicago and Omaha to confer with railroad representatives regarding expiration of transit privileges on 1949 billing.

Four warehouse inspectors loaned by Indianapolis T&W office to Kansas City Commodity Office, to help make large number of inspections necessary as wheat harvest begins.

STATE COMMITTEES

Illinois - Harry M. Combrink, Chairman

Each county committee asked to make suggestions on 1953 ACP program, in cooperation with SCS and Forest Service men working in county.

Memorandum on cooperation between Ag. Mobilization Committees and Selective Service Boards. Agricultural Committees will work closely with Selective Service, but will make no recommendations on classification of individuals.

Indiana - L.M. Vogler, Chairman

Instructions to counties on closing CCC accounts, as of June 30.

County committees asked to use newspaper, radio, TV and other means of publicizing Administrator Geissler's memorandum on orderly marketing of crops, aided by price supports.

Michigan - James H. Quick, Chairman

Michigan banks urged to qualify for making crop loans to farmers.

Jerome Gerszewski named Auditor in State Office.

Applications for ACP payments submitted to state office after June 10 will be slowed up, because of closing of GAO regional office which must pass on such payments.

Missouri - E.R. Caldwell, Chairman

Flood-stricken counties provided with several documents covering procedures in land restoration program.

Counties urged to request notebooks and guides for uniform filing system.

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STATE COMMITTEES - Continued

Nebraska - Frank Reed, Chairman

Counties urged to concentrate on sales of wheat insurance during last two weeks of June.

Fourteen Nebraska counties eligible for aid in land restoration.

Ohio - Dale Williams, Chairman

Purchase orders issued after July 1 should be dated Fiscal Year 1953.

Each county instructed to designate Custodian and Alternate Custodian for loan and expenditure documents.

Wisconsin - Walter Katterhenry, Chairman

Counties asked to submit recommendations of changes of community boundaries for purposes of PMA committee elections.

Counties asked to return semi-annual report on disposition of records not later than July 2.

IN THE FARM PAPERS

Dakota Farmer

Principal article: Consumers want Grade A milk.

Editorial: Food and Drug Administration "showing teeth" in campaign to prevent marketing of contaminated grain and flour. 300 bags of flour confiscated in Dakota.

The Farmer, St. Paul

Minnesota spent 13 years controlling Bang's Disease under control in 34 northern counties; only 7 months more to add 20 counties. Dakotas following Minnesota lead in testing program.

Winning chapters named in scrap metal drive conducted by Future Farmers of America in Minnesota and Dakotas.

Editorial: An hour's labor in February could buy more pork chops, more eggs, oranges, lard and potatoes than in 1947-48.

Michigan Farmer

Principal articles: Controlling insects in stored grain. What about farm land prices? If farm earnings drop, land prices will probably go down.

Nebraska Farmer

Principal article: U. of Nebraska dedicates new agronomy building June 26. Harlan county dam in Republican River will provide flood protection for 21 towns and irrigation water for 55,000 acres in Kansas and Nebraska.

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IN THE FARM PAPERS - Continued

Ohio Farmer

Principal article: artificial breeding of dairy cows in Ohio has increased production of daughters by 405 pounds of milk, 51 pounds of butterfat, compared with production of mothers.

Tests indicate value of applying manure as mulch to cornfields instead of applying during winter and plowing under.

Wallace's Farmer, Iowa

Six women selected as "Master Farm Homemakers" by magazine.

Article on eliminating weeds from pastures.

Wisconsin Agriculturist

Milk meant half billion dollars to Wisconsin farmers last year.

Advantages of hiring custom workers for big farm jobs.

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